

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating between a calling party in a first network and a called party in a second network, the method comprising the steps of:
determining, in a first network, an address associated with a called party;
determining based on said address if said called party is in a trusted network; and
controlling communication between the called party and a calling party based on if said called party is in a the trusted network.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining in the first network comprises determining the address contained in a message for said called party.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the step of determining in the first network comprises determining the address contained in the message ~~in~~ comprises a packet form.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a trusted network comprises checking if the address is contained in a database of trusted networks.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network comprises checking if the address is contained in said database in said first network.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network comprises checking if the

address is contained in the database provided in a call session control function or a security gateway.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network checking if the address is contained in said database ~~comprising~~ comprises domain names associated with the trusted networks and IP addresses of the trusted networks.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step for determining₁ in the first network₁ the address comprises determining if the address contains a domain name.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein if a determination is made that the address does not contain the domain name, the step of determining₁ in the first network₁ the address comprises sending a request for the domain name.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the step of determining₁ in the first network₁ the address comprises sending said request to a domain name server.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein if a determination is made that the address does not contain the domain name, the step of ~~determining~~ determining₁ in the first network₁ the address comprises assuming that the called party is in an untrusted network.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein if the called party is not in a the trusted network, the step of controlling comprises discarding at least one message for the called party.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein if the called party is not in a the trusted network, the step of controlling comprises modifying at least one message for the called party.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein the step of controlling comprises modifying said at least one message for the called party by removing identity information relating to said calling party.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the step of controlling comprises removing said identity information comprising a ~~P-Asserted-Identity~~ p-asserted-identity header.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
operating said first network and a second network in accordance with ~~Session Initiation Protocol~~ session initiation protocol.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network comprises determining if a connection from a calling network to a called network is secured.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network is ~~carried out~~ performed in ~~an~~ a gateway of the calling network.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the step of determining if the called party is in a the trusted network comprises determining if a the connection between a the gateway of a the calling network and a gateway of a the called network comprises a secure connection.

20. (Currently Amended) A communications system comprising a first network having a calling party and a second network having a calling party, the ~~first network system~~ comprising:

determining means for determining an address associated with ~~said a~~ called party;

determining means for determining based on said address if said called party is in a trusted network; and

control means for controlling communication between the called party and a calling party based on if said called party is in a the trusted network.

21. (Currently Amended) A first network having a calling party arranged to call a calling party in a second network, the first network comprising:

determining means for determining an address associated with a called party;

determining means for determining, based on said address, if said called party is in a trusted network; and

control means for controlling communication between the called party and a calling party based on if said called party is in a the trusted network.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating between a calling party in a first network and a called party in a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

determining, in a first network, if there is a secure connection with a second network; and

~~if a determination is made that there is no secure connection with said second network,~~ discarding or modifying a message from a calling party to a called party if a determination is made that there is no secure connection with said second network.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said step of determining is ~~carried out~~ performed in a gateway.

~~25~~ 24. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~24~~ 23, wherein the step of determining is ~~carried-out~~ performed in said gateway comprising a security gateway.